



MINUTES OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION ON EDUCATION FOR MILITARY CHILDREN
HELD AT THE LA QUINTA RESORT & CLUB, CALIFORNIA
16-18 NOVEMBER 2009

PRESENT	Cheryl Serrano Laura Anastasio Thomas Beasley Thomas Bell Kathleen Berg Spessard Boatright Pam Deering Mary Gable Larry LeDoux Art Harding Gregory Lynch Mark Needham Brad Neuenswander Rodney Painting Mike Reed Shelley Reed Thomas Rutan Bert Schulte Brenda Weber Anne Wescott Rick Masters John Mountjoy Cradly deGolian Nathan Dickerson	Superintendent of Schools Connecticut Commissioner Iowa Commissioner Michigan Designee Hawaii Commissioner Florida Commissioner Oklahoma Commissioner Maryland Commissioner Alaska Commissioner Arizona Commissioner Washington Commissioner Kentucky Commissioner Kansas Commissioner Louisiana Commissioner Alabama Commissioner Maine Commissioner Ohio Commissioner Missouri Designee Texas Designee Virginia Designee Legal Counsel CSG CSG CSG	Chairperson
IN ATTENDANCE	Charles Patterson John Deegan David Splitok Candace Wheeler Marc Mossburg Thomas Hinton	Military Impacted Schools Association Military Impacted Schools Association Military Child Education Coalition National Military Families Association DoD Education Activity DoD	
APOLOGIES	David Phillips Susan Haberstroh	North Carolina Commissioner Delaware Commissioner	

ITEM	ACTION
<p>ITEM 1 – WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>1. The meeting was called to order and the roll was taken was taken by Crady deGolian. 20 of 24 states were present. The Chairperson then gave a brief overview of the Compact.</p> <p>2. The Chairperson briefed the audience on the proposed Agenda and added an Agenda point to discuss how the regions were formed. Being no other additions the motion was made by Kathleen Berg that the Agenda be accepted, passed by unanimous consent.</p>	

ITEM 2 – ROLE OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION

3. John Mountjoy talked about the roles and responsibilities of the Commission and how this was a State driven organization. He mentioned that the commission was available to facilitate the needs of the States. He then went on to outline the major points, as he saw it, that needed to be addressed at the meeting:

- Adoption of a Budget
- Adoption of the Rules
- Election of new Officers
- Appointment of members to Committees
- Creation of a Search Committee

4. John Mountjoy went on further to state that the Interim Operations Committee would cease, to be replaced by the newly formed Executive Committee. The meeting would also see the creation of the Finance, Rules, Training and Compliance Committees and identify members to serve on these.

5. Rick Masters added that each representative had the legal authority to represent their individual States and make decisions where necessary.

6. The Chairperson asked that along with each member State being asked to serve on at least one committee, she would like the ex-officio members to also sign up and serve. She added that meetings can be carried out completely online thus avoiding the need to travel.

7. John Mountjoy went on to explain that the State Council was in place to provide a mechanism to gather the various representatives from the military and civilian community. This should include a minimum of a State Superintendent, a Superintendent from schools districts with a high concentration of military children, a representative from the military installation and a representative from each of the legislative and executive branches of the government. He added that you could include representatives with responsibilities to military families and students.

ITEM 3 – ADOPTION OF THE COMPACT

8. The Chairperson asked the original 11 states to comment on how they had adopted the compact and the progress they had made. The majority of states had already convened and held meetings and it was obvious a lot of work had been done thus far. John Mountjoy re-iterated that it was a responsibility under the statute to create a state Council and that all states were to have, in place, a state Council by the date of the next meeting offering any assistance should it be required.

ITEM 4 – INTERIM OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

9. The Chairperson opened by asking that the minutes from the 2009 Annual Meeting be approved. Nominated by Mark Needham, seconded by Spessard

Boatright, carried by unanimous consent.

10. The Chairperson briefed on how they had been communicating with other states, the development of the draft rules and wished to pass on her thanks and that of the committee to David Phillips for his work on the rules. She also mentioned they had arranged to contract with CSG for their continued support. They had also discussed the selection of the Executive director.

11. John Mountjoy explained the process CSG had used recently to identify an Executive Director which was by the creation of an independent Search Committee which would, once the Director had been hired be dissolved. This was widely accepted as the best practice by the forum.

ITEM 5 – LEGAL COUNSEL

12. Rick Masters discussed his role as legal counsel for the Compact. He mentioned there were compliance issues which may arise from time to time but that there were various dispute resolution mechanisms in place to resolve these. He further stated that there are other responsibilities States have including payment of dues and whilst he appreciated this is an unpleasant subject there is a need to ensure all States are complying with their obligations to pay them.

ITEM 6 – FINANCE

13. Brad Neuenswander opened up by thanking John Mountjoy, Rick Masters and Crady deGolian for the outstanding support that had been provided during the past 12 months which far exceeded the actual cost of the services provided.

14. He explained that the when the dues structure was originally set up the DoD provided the numbers of active military children in each State on a quarterly basis. He further explained that the intent was to provide these numbers to each State sufficiently early in order that they could plan their forthcoming budgets. The dues were based on the numbers of military children in each State the PREVIOUS year.

15. Brad Neuenswander added that if the States fiscal year was not Jun-Jul each year, this would be taken into account and invoices issued accordingly.

16. Delinquent Dues. Crady deGolian outlined the policy on delinquency explaining that everyone is given a 30 day grace period at the beginning of their respective fiscal year. At 60 days you are considered a delinquent State with the Compact reserving the right to initiate legal action through Rick Masters if no payment was received after 90 days.

17. A motion was made and passed to continue billing States at \$1 per child.

ITEM 7 – REGIONAL COMPOSITIONS

18. A question was raised as to how the Regional compositions were formed.

John Mountjoy explained that this was how CSG currently managed the matter but that there was no requirement for the Compact to adopt the same process.

19. Larry LeDoux asked about representation from members of DoDEA and that as they were not a State per say, he did not see them as having to interact directly in some of the meetings but suggested that this would be a good idea. Marc Mossburg answered that although they could not participate directly as a member of the council that they realized their responsibilities and were committed to working not only with the Compact but the States as well.

ITEM 8 – RULES COMMITTEE

20. The Chairperson asked that Spessard Boatright and Rick Masters lead the afternoon session as the Rules Committee. Spessard Boatright informed the audience that the committee had met approximately 8 times during the past 12 months to reach the stage they were at today.

21. John Mountjoy explained that the electronic voting procedure which would be used would accurately record how each member State had voted, especially important today due to the fact it was the first time these rules had been adopted and would help create a legislative record of what transpires.

ITEM 9 – CALL TO ORDER DAY 3

22. The Chairperson called the meeting to order and asked for a motion on the revised agenda which was passed by unanimous consent.

23. The Compact voted on the amendment to Sec. 3.102 (3) (i) Application for transfer of student records and enrollment. The amendment to the change in the rules was passed by unanimous consent.

23. A motion was made to make Jan 1, 2010 the effective date for the adoption of the rules. Motion passed 18 – 1.

24. The afternoon session identified the members for each of the committees and this was promulgated by letter shortly following the conference. The Chairperson made everyone aware that the Chairs of each committee plus the elected officials would form the Executive Committee.

ITEM 10 – NEW BUSINESS

25. Brad Neuenswander briefed the Commission that it had taken a lot of work during the past 12 months to come with the design logo for the Compact – MIC3.

26. For the record it should be noted that Commission serves 80% of military children in the country rather than 86% which had been intimated during the conference.

27. Larry LeDoux asked that they looked at adding representatives from the following organizations to serve in an advisory capacity:

<p>Representative from the Secondary Principle Organization Representative from the Elementary Principle Organization Uniformed Officer</p> <p>The Chairperson stated that this would be taken on and discussed among the Executive Committee.</p> <p>28. Larry LeDoux asked that some thought be given to the feasibility of the Chairperson sending out a letter to all School Superintendents and Principals outlining the policies and goals of the Compact and asking for their continued support when dealing with the issue of transitioning military children.</p> <p>ITEM 11 – COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR</p> <p>29. John Deegan – Superintendent of the Military Impacted Schools Association said there was a need to ensure that when identifying principles to assist in the Commission that they come from at least 50% impacted areas to ensure they understand the issues and concerns that are faced.</p> <p>30. Mark Takai – State Representative from Hawaii.</p> <p>(a) Mentioned that the whilst he believed the dues structure of \$1 per child was a fair one, he thought that further down the line we needed to adopt a minimum and maximum ceiling and that maybe this was something the Finance Committee could look into.</p> <p>(b) Informed the Commission that there are 65 State legislatures serving in the National Network of State Legislatures in the military who would gladly participate and support in this organization.</p> <p>31. Tom Hinton – Department of Defense.</p> <p>(a) Agreed with a previous comment that if the Commission added Principals or other State officials as ex-officio members that they should come from highly impacted areas.</p> <p>(b) Explained that the office of the Secretary of Defense was responsible for all policy related to the military worldwide and that where possible he felt they should represent the Services.</p> <p>ITEM 12 – NEXT STEPS</p> <p>32. The key next steps were to convene the search committee and begin the task of identifying and hiring an Executive director and to also begin the process of convening the other committees to plan and look at the forthcoming 12 months.</p> <p>33. John Mountjoy explained that the planning for the 2010 Annual Conference would begin the following summer with the conference taking place around November 2010.</p>	<p>Executive Committee</p> <p>Chairperson</p> <p>Finance Committee</p>
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34. Brad Neuenswander expressed his and the Commissions appreciation to everyone involved in making the meeting a success.

ITEM 13 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Having no other business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11am.



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